

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1110
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A RESOLUTION to recognize Head Coach Wes Moore and the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball team upon completing an extraordinary season.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful sports teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball team is one such estimable sports team that achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2005-2006 season, establishing a record of twenty-eight wins against only four losses on their way to claiming the Southern Conference Regular Season and Tournament Titles; and

WHEREAS, maintaining a perfect record of eighteen wins and zero losses in conference play, the Lady Mocs posted non-conference victories over Auburn University, Stephen F. Austin State University, Middle Tennessee State University, Austin Peay State University, the University of Alabama-Birmingham, and the University of North Carolina-Asheville; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Lady Mocs then rolled through the Southern Conference Tournament, prevailing over the powerhouse teams of Furman and Western Carolina to advance to the Championship Game; the Lady Mocs completed their perfect conference record by defeating the University of North Carolina-Greensboro by the score of 91-79 to claim the Southern Conference Tournament Title; and

WHEREAS, posting the nation's longest win streak in 2005-2006 season with twenty-six consecutive wins, the Lady Mocs were ranked in the top fifteen nationally in seven categories by the NCAA, including Three-Point Field Goals Per Game (2nd), Win-Loss Percentage (4th),

Assists Per Game (7th), Scoring Margin (10th), Scoring Offense (13th), Field Goal Percentage (14th), and Three-Point Field Goal Percentage (15th); and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball team was ranked in the top 32 by the *USA Today* ESPN Coaches Poll for six consecutive weeks, including a top ranking of 26, and the Lady Mocs were ranked in the top 42 by the AP Poll for five consecutive weeks with a ranking as high as 30; these rankings are a testament to the talent, dedication, athleticism, and commitment to excellence of this estimable group of young women; and

WHEREAS, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball team advanced to the NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament for the fifth time in six years and competed in their seventh consecutive post-season tournament; and

WHEREAS, the talented and athletic members of the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Lady Mocs are: LaShandra McCoy, Katasha Brown, Laura Hall, Sarah Gordon, Brooke Hand, Amy Mohr, Ashley Huff, Nancy Moore, Kristen Spann, Tiffani Roberson, Nicole Mattison, Alex Anderson, and Erin Ogan; and

WHEREAS, four players from the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball team were named to the All-Southern Conference Regular Season Team by the coaches and media, and five Lady Mocs were named to the Southern Conference All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, the fifth all-time scorer in UTC women's basketball history, Katasha Brown, was named to the UNLV Lady Rebel Shootout All-Tournament Team; and

WHEREAS, Katasha Brown was named the Southern Conference Women's Basketball Player of the Week twice and the Southern Conference Student-Athlete of the Week three times; and

WHEREAS, in just two seasons, Alex Anderson tied the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball career record for blocked shots with ninety-eight; and

WHEREAS, Alex Anderson was named the Southern Conference Player of the Week three times, and she was also named the Southern Conference December Athlete of the Month; and

WHEREAS, Tiffani Roberson, who is tied for 7th on the all-time scoring list for the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga, and Brooke Hand, a sophomore guard, were also named Southern Conference Player of the Week; and

WHEREAS, with great sportsmanship and outstanding character, the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball team conducted themselves in a manner appropriate to the integrity of the State of Tennessee after a valiant but unsuccessful effort in the first round of the 2006 NCAA Women's Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, Wes Moore was selected the Southern Conference Coach of the Year for the third consecutive year by his fellow coaches, and he was also named the Southern Conference Coach of the Year for the second time in three years by the media; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the able leadership of Head Coach Wes Moore, the Lady Mocs benefited from the hard work and guidance of Assistant Coaches, Nikki Blassingame, Becky Myatt, and Dan Presel, and Managers, Megan Maples and Lake Nida; and

WHEREAS, the women's basketball players at the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga epitomize all that is good in today's collegiate athlete, as they have achieved a premier level of success in competition while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the court; and

WHEREAS, the perseverance, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young women not only made possible an extraordinary basketball season, but also surely bode well for their success in their every future enterprise; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga Lady Mocs upon an amazing 2005-2006 basketball season; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Head Coach Wes Moore and the members of the University of Tennessee-Chattanooga women's basketball team on an extraordinary season, congratulate them upon winning their seventh consecutive Southern Conference Regular Season Title, and wish them every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.